that it virtually neutralises the efforts put in by the Indian Scientists in the development of advanced seed verieties suitable for Indian Conditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Flood relief in Delhi

1000. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families affected by recent floods in Delhi and the steps taken to provide them temporary shelter;

(b) whether any financial assistance has also been given;

(c) if so, the amount of assistance to each family and mode of its distribution;

(d) whether any assistance from Prime Minister's relief fund were also sanctioned for relief work; and

(e) if so, the amount thereof and the steps taken to distribute the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that 8122 families were affected by recent floods. Temporary shelter by way of tents were provided to them.

(b) and (c) An ex-gratia cash payment of Rs. 500/- was given by Delhi Administration to each affected family.

(d) and (e) An amount of Rs. 10 lakhs, sanctioned from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund has been utilised for undertaking various relief measures such as payment of ex-gratia, provision of temporary shelters, fodder etc.

Wrigleys Chewingugum company

1001. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Wrigleys Chewingugum company also proposed to enter India to set up a fruit processing venture;

(b) whether Government are keen that multinationals enter the food processing area to acquire raw materials like fruit pulp, juice concentrates at low prices; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that multinationals purchase and export fruit and vegetable products at low prices for sale overseas as branded products ensuring low export earnings for India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Experience of Pepsi-Co in Horticulture

1002. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pepsi-Co deal is meant to improve the Horticulture and change the pattern of cropping in Punjab;

(b) what is the experience of Pepsi-Co in Horticulture and where are they doing work on horticulture; and

(c) where do they have a fruit processing plant, and under what name is the processed fruit sold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) It is expected that the project will help to improve development of horticulture and assist in changing the cropping pattern in Punjab.

(b) Pepsi-Co have improved productivity of potatoes in Mexico and Brazil.

(c) Pepsi-Co. in its plant in Frankfurt, Federal Republic of Germany, manufactures several varieties of orange and lime juice concentrates. In the United States of America Pepsi-Co has the largest aseptic packaging plant for concentrated fruit juice. The processed fruit concentrates are used to manufacture drinks which are marketed under the following brand names—Miranda Orange, Florida Boy, Orange Slices, Cloudy Lemon Slice, Miranda Tropical and Mango slice.

Comprehensive and coordinated services to handicapped persons in Rajasthan

1003. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to handicapped persons living in the rural areas of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) During Sixth Plan a scheme was launched for setting up District Rehabilitation Centres on a pilot basis to provide comprehensive services to the disabled persons in rural areas. Under the scheme, services from early detection and intervention to economic rehabilitation of handicapped persons are provided. One such DFC has been sanctioned in Rajasthan for implementation of the scheme in Kota district.

Entertainment tax in Rajasthan

1004. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Film Division is getting funds from States in the shape of entertainment tax; and

(b) if so, the funds provided to the Films Division by the State of Rajasthan during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No Sir. Films Division is not getting any funds from States in the shape of entertainment tax.

(b) Does not arise.

Difficulties faced by consumers in Kashmir Valley

1005. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by th consumers in Kashmir Valley regarding the availability of essential commodities even in summer months due to closure of Jammu/Srinagar road as a result of rainfall;

(b) what effective steps have been taken by Government to store these essential commodities particularly rice (which is the staple diet of Kashmiris) and wheat in Kashmir Valley and Ladakh region in particular in view of the undependable nature of Jammu/Srinagar road and the onset of winter; and

(c) what is the revised quantum of allocation of rice and wheat till 31-3-1989 to Jammu and Kashmir with effect from 1st October, 1988 and out of this what quantity has already been despatched till 31st October, 1988 for distribution in Kashmir Valley and what is the total allocation of the same for Jammu Division and Ladakh during this period and the total quantities despatched to these areas so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. Certain difficulties are experienced in the Jammu Kashmir region regarding availability of essential commodities especially during times of natural calamities.

The Food Corporation of India has a total foodgrains storage capacity of about 67000 tonnes in the State as on 1-10-1988, besides cover and plinth capacity of about 1300 tonnes. Additional capacity to the tune of 22,500 tonnes is under construction.